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equipment for the sugar and cement industries, medical rubber products, footwear, protective clothing, gloves, assembly-line belts, belts for the tobacco industry, etc. The production of hard-rubber articles is also progressing.

The Institute for Industrial Research has perfected the production of pulverized lead necessary for the rubber parts of X-ray instruments. The Scientific Research Institute in Ljubljana was successful in its experiments with vulcanizing rubber. Experiments have been conducted with the production of rubber thread.

In 1948, the plan for the production of inner tubes increased by 50 percent.

Two types of rubber drive belts are being produced in Yugoslavia, flat belts and cog belts. The cog belt is more efficient, since it requires less space and is more durable. The Sava factory at Kranj, Slovenia, has improved the quality of its cog belts.

The research workers of the Berovo Institute are experimenting with substitute softeners of rubber, composed of a petroleum and a domestic coal base.

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